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# PERSONAL STATEMENT

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## **Personal Statement**

During my time studying for an MA in English at Goldsmiths, University of London and for a BA at the University of Warwick, I became passionate about understanding how postcolonial and feminist theory offers us a lens to examine the contemporary British novel. As a Black British student, I realised that the novel is a powerful tool for holding up a mirror to our society that can help us understand our place within it. I am particularly interested in how British authors from postcolonial backgrounds, particularly from South Asian and African diasporic communities, tackle complex issues of migration, cultural identity and gender through their writing and how concepts drawn from feminist spatial theory can offer a way to understand issues of home, identity and belonging. My long-term career ambition is to add to academic research in this field as a professor with a reputation as an internationally renowned global thinker. I have identified that undertaking a PhD is the first step on this path and one that I am committed to pursuing. I am particularly keen to develop professional research and presentation skills, which will support me on my journey.